Accessibility Intern



Project Title	Accessibility Intern
Cummon	Define content and structure within documents so that it can be displayed appropriately on the https://www.va.gov/ website to Veterans with visual and auditory disabilities, in accordance with Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.
Country	United States

Project Description

Interested in "Paying it Forward"? Then join the Accessibility team. Help make a difference in the life of a Veteran. The VA's Digital Media Engagement Team is looking for undergraduate and graduate students to assist in converting existing documents and publications, digital or print, into fully accessible information. Ensuring that all relevant information is conveyed in an organized and comprehensible manner.

As an Accessibility Intern, you'll gain valuable experience and an understanding of complying with accessibility standards. You'll learn how to translate complex visual elements into alternate text that can be easily read by screen readers to assist the visually impaired user.

At the core of this internship is the process of ensuring that digital content is easily consumable by individuals who have sight or hearing disabilities. Your goal is to ensure that no Veteran is unable to benefit from VA documents just because they have a disability.

Experience working with HTML can be helpful in understanding accessibility concepts, but is not a requirement for this position.

Required Skills or Interests

Skill(s)
Writing

Additional Information

Document remediation is the process of converting normal digital information into a functional format that is accessible and usable by individuals with visual and auditory disabilities. It is the process of bringing digital information into compliance with recognized standards of accessibility to provide a better user experience for all individuals.

This internship requires access to Adobe Acrobat CC which is not provided; however, you may/may not be able to obtain the program through your school. Remediation is a learning process, which requires a lot of dedicated time and commitment. With the support of a team environment, a little bit of patience, understanding, and empathy, you'll be on your way to providing accessible documents that everyone can enjoy.

The Department of Veterans Affairs' Digital Media Engagement Team internship is one of the largest and most established internship programs available through the Virtual Student Federal Service. This past year, our internship had approximately 300 interns in various departments and leadership positions. If you want to join a team that is well structured and will offer meaningful work that will help you build skills that you can actually add to your resume, then you should definitely join our team.

For more information about interning with the Department of Veterans Affairs' Digital Media Engagement Team VSFS Internship program, please visit https://dmeinterns.org/.

Language Requirements

None